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"Some years ago," said the man, who might have been untruthful and might not, "I was in a small town in New York state where Chauncey M. Depew was billed for a speech that night, and it happened I stopped at the same hotel he did. Just after supper the editor of the local paper dropped in to see Mr. Depew, and the distinguished gentleman proceeded to have some fun with the country journalist. He had, too, and every now and then he round ed up a sentence against the editor by saying, 'Oh, you can't believe everything there is in the newspapers,' the editor having used newspaper matter very largely in his argument."

"After the speechmaking was over the editor met Mr. Depew in the hotel office again, and there was a big crowd present."

"Well, my friend," inquired the genial Chauncey, "what did you think of my speech?"

"The editor hesitated a moment."

"Are you," he asked solemnly, "the genuine Chauncey M. Depew?"

"Certainly. Why not?" laughed Mr. D.

"Are you the one that all the newspapers have been saying was the finest speaker, the greatest talker, the sharpest stump orator and the brightest wit before the public?"

"I guess I'm the one," blushed the gentleman. "Why?"

"Oh, because you can't believe every thing there is in the newspapers," and Chauncey shook hands with the editor and called it square."—Detroit Free Press.

He Was Right.

This same black Sammy is a noted boy in the Sunday school. His teacher one day was trying to make the class see the advantage of living a good life. These moral remarks were occasioned by a strong wad of chewed paper that happened to strike the benevolent superintendent on the cheek. Sammy was doubtless the culprit, although his black skin showed no sign.

"Now, children, you must be better. Such actions as those tend to drag you downward, and if you do a bad deed once the second time you do it more easily. It does not pay to be bad, for you cannot go to heaven." Then Miss Goode straightened her glasses and looked into Sammy's shining eyes.

"Sammy, what kind of boys go to heaven?"

Sammy shuffled his feet.

"Dead boys," he said.—Boston Budget.

A Mistake.

Tommy—Ah, there, my breakfast!

"Hully gee, but you're tough!"

"Great heavens! I didn't think he was so filling."—Truth.

A Bit of Comfort.

Little Johnny—Was I born on a Thanksgiving day?

Mamma—Yes, but if you keep on being such a fat boy I don't know what I'll have to be thankful for.

Little Johnny—Well, you can be thankful I don't twins anyhow.—Good News.

Not Certain.

Little Girl—I am afraid this isn't the kind of tea mamma wants.

Grocer—Why?

Little Girl—Well, she said she always paid two prices here, and I've only paid one for this.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

An Old Day.

"My dear young friend," exclaimed the good man solemnly, "do you attend church regularly?"

"Yes, sir; but I didn't go today. She's visiting friends out of town, you know."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Just the Thing.

"Why do you carry a newspaper in your pocket all the time if you never read it?"

"It's a convenience on the horse cars. If a woman gets on and has to stand, the paper enables me not to see her."—Harper's Bazar.

All Right.

Nervous Passenger—Are you sure there is no danger?

Officer—Not a bit. The captain's just gone to take a nap because it's too foggy to see anything.—P. & S. Bulletin.

Generous.

Mrs. de Gode—It's perfectly awful! The paper says there are thousands of families in this city who have never seen a Bible.

Little Johnny (muttering)—Send 'em mine, mamma.—Good News.

Turn About Fair Play.

Husband—My dear, our club is going to have all home comforts.

Wife—If that so? And when is our home going to have all the club comforts?—Truth.

Must Have It.

"My old man," said Andy Chubb, "is the worst man for chicken you ever see. If he can't get a chicken, he'll go to the moon."

—Indianapolis Journal.

Evidence of It.

Mr. Bridie—She looks like an intelligent girl.

Mrs. Bridie—Curt! I got her at an intelligence office.—Brooklyn Life.

WOMAN'S WORLD IN PARAGRAPHS.

"The Cosmopolis Club"—Fatal Flaw in an Otherwise Perfect Picture.

Have you read Rev. Washington Gladden's "Cosmopolis Club" in The Century Magazine? He draws a beautiful picture of how the best people in every town and city of the Union can reform the municipal government if they will. A doctor, a lawyer, a preacher, a mechanic and various others interested in good city government form the Cosmopolis club. They hold meetings and appoint committees whose work it is to visit the city departments, among other things, see how the money is spent and what the municipal officials are doing to earn their salaries. An excellent part of the scheme is that when they find dens of unlawful trade and resort flourishing they do not prosecute the keepers of the unlawful places, but the officials whose business it is to suppress such nests of iniquity. Of course it is all a story in a magazine, but in time the Cosmopolitans suppress the bad places and get the city government honestly administered, and all ends beautifully. There is one fatal flaw in this fine scheme. There are no women citizens in it. I am surprised at that, for Rev. Washington Gladden is generally known as a good woman's rights man. But certain it is that his plan could never succeed till women had part in it and helped. Business men, doctors, lawyers and carpenters are too busy earning a living to attend night after night such meetings as he describes, and quite too busy to go around municipal buildings, fire departments, waterworks offices, health bureaus and street cleaning headquarters to ascertain the facts necessary to inaugurate reforms. The fact that they have been too busy for such investigation is exactly the reason that city governments have fallen so low. No, no, Mr. Gladden! It won't do. You cannot set this one fact down and ponder on it: City governments will never be reformed, the community will never have clean, well lighted, safe streets, first class public schools, a public sentiment in favor of morality, beauty and purity, till women take hold of municipal matters, knowing that the future of their children depends on these things. Wake up the women in our towns and cities!

The New York city board of education—Tammany—does not want any women on the school board. The members gave a vote to this effect in answer to a request from Mayor Gilroy for an expression of opinion on the subject. In 1903 the lady mayor of New York city will send a communication to the members of the school board asking whether, in their judgment, it is wise to permit men to serve on it. In answer the board—not Tammanyites—will reply that the school board is not a fit place for men because they will not take time from their business duties to attend to its requirements properly. Then the board of education will continue, as before, to be made up of women.

Both the senate and house of the Pennsylvania legislature have passed an act making women eligible to serve as notaries public.

It is said that the reason the faculty of the Columbian university, Washington, decided to close the doors of the medical department to women was that they did not like the conduct of one of the women students. How would it do to close the doors of our medical colleges to men every time a young man student misbehaved himself? How many colleges would open next fall?

The Thirty-eighth Street Working Girls' club of New York city lately discussed the question, "How to Tell a Real Lady." Some club ought also to discuss the question, "How to Tell a Real Gentleman." The first sign of a real gentleman would be that he does not spit.

If Mary Lease, president of the Kansas state board of charities, has her nobility during her term of service, she will not be in the state a rotten charity supply contract or a spoils politician in a public charity office, neither a brutal or callous official, nor a fraudulent or able-bodied pauper. Hers is one of the offices that wise women are especially fitted to fill.

I have often wondered that more women do not go into dairying and butter making. I have known in towns of a few hundred inhabitants industrious German women that supported their families off the milk of two or three cows. With 10 cows a full set of machinery for butter making and a cream separator can be kept. The work is moderately hard, but much easier than sewing 12 hours a day, much more healthful than schoolteaching, and when the business is well managed it pays better than either of these. In neighborhoods where creameries are established and the owners will pay fair prices for the cream to make into butter the labor of dairymaking is avoided and enough received for the cream to pay good returns, with the skim milk left over to raise chickens on. Milk so rich that 85 quarts of it will yield from three-quarters of a pound to a pound of butter will pay well to make butter from, even if the cream is disposed of at a butter factory. A milk tester is necessary to find out the richness of the milk.

Harriet Hosmer is 61 years of age, but intellectual woman never grows old. Miss Hosmer never did better work than she does now. She receives \$15,000 for her statue of Queen Isabella, which is to be unveiled at the opening of the World's fair.

I expect to hear that the women of New York state are leaving the Presbyterian church by the hundred. The Presbyterian of that state has recently voted against the appointment of women as deaconesses; also against their appointment as church officers in religious and charitable work among their own sex. No self respecting woman in New York can of course belong to a church which denies her the privilege of doing religious and charitable church work, even among her own sex, except under the direction of a man. Heaven save us!

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